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As They Used to Appear

Backward, turn backward, oh,
Time in your flight
And give us a maiden dressed
proper and right.
We are so weary of switches and
rats,
Billy Burke clusters and peach-
basket hats,
Wads of jute hair in a horrible
pile,
Stacked on their heads to the
height of a mile.
Something is wrong with the
maidens, we fear;
Give us the girls as they used
to appear.
Give the girls we once knew of
yore;
Whose curls didn't come from a
hair dressing store.
Maidens who dressed with a
sensible view,
And just as Dame Nature intend-
ed them to.
Give us a girl with a figure her
own,
And fashioned divinely by na-
ture alone.
Feminine styles getting fiercer
each year—
Oh, give us the girls as they used
to appear.
—Sterling (Kan.) Journal.

Southeast Missouri's Opportunity.

Corn this year in most of the corn states is a scarce article. Good show corn is more scarce. It is scarce even in Missouri. Three-fourths of the state will find it hard to measure up to a half crop. But the other fourth for the most part has a full corn crop; and the fortunate fourth is Southeast Missouri. This is our opportunity, not only to win premiums, but to advertise Southeast Missouri as a corn country. Not only that, but seed corn will be scarce, and every Southeast Missouri farmer who is raising pure bred corn will not only have a chance to boost his county and his corn, but he will have a chance to dispose of all the seed corn he can select from his crop. This is our chance, and we're asleep if we don't take advantage of it.

The farmers of Southeast Missouri in making exhibits are confined largely to their own county fairs, shows, and institutes. Southeast Missouri ought to have some place near at hand where the winners in the counties can compete for larger prizes and higher honors as well as advertise their seed outside their own communities.

The Normal School Takes a Step.

The Normal School has endeavored during the last few years to bring specialists in various lines of agriculture to Cape Girardeau at a specified time known as Farmers Week. Though these lectures have been largely attended, the school feels that not enough people are taking advantage of the opportunity. In order to make it worth while for people to come from a considerable distance, the Normal School through its Departments of Agriculture and Domestic Economy, with liberal outside assistance from citizens, is arranging for an all Southeast Missouri Corn Show to be held at the time of the Farmers and Homemakers Convention December 4-9.

Over \$2000 in premiums is being arranged for. The premiums range from a valuation of \$100 down. A part of this fund is to be used for scholarships. Two scholarships are offered to each county in the Southeast Missouri district; one to the boy who exhibits the best ten ears of

corn from his county, and one to the girl who exhibits the best loaf of bread of her own baking. A full list of prizes is arranged for men; another list for young men between the ages of fifteen and twenty-two; another for boys under fifteen years of age.

A Show for Prize Winners.

No one living in Southeast Missouri will be barred from exhibiting this year. It is planned, however, to be largely a show for prize winners in the various counties. Here the winners at county fairs, institutes, and corn shows may meet for a contest of counties. The winners at this show may then take their prize corn to Columbia with the full assurance of its being hard to beat.

Begin to Select Corn Now.

A winning sample of corn is not easily selected from a crib or field. Some systematic method of handling is required to make sure that no well conditioned ear escapes. A barrel or box should be kept where feeding or gathering is done and all likely ears thrown into it for closer inspection.

Some Farming.

Judge E. E. Swink came in from his Mississippi bottom farm in Ste. Genevieve county last Tuesday with a small basket of corn which he had gathered to give his brother, John Swink, to take back with him to California to show the people out there what Missouri can do in the way of corn growing. We picked up an ear from the basket and measured it; it was eleven inches long, nine inches in circumference at the thick part, had sixteen rows of grain and an average of 56 grains to the row. There were other ears in the basket that were perhaps larger—none smaller. The Judge incidentally remarked that he had about 25,000 bushels of corn on his two farms in Ste. Genevieve and St. Francois counties and he had raised 25,500 bushels of wheat this year. That sure is farming some. —Farmington Times.

George McElrath, of Pratt, brought to this office Friday a stalk of corn that easily claims the blue ribbon in point of length. It actually measured 18 feet and 10 inches "from tip to tip." And for fear the measure will be disputed, "Dad" Smith and Jack Danner are named as witnesses to the same for they helped tape line the stalk. And it had not even tasseled out when it was cut down and hauled in. Had it been allowed to get in its full growth it might have even reached the airship highway, and possibly that is the reason that Mr. McElrath stopped its giant growth for fear that some passing aeroplane would collide with one of its ears and fall on him or one of his family. Those "guy" roots grew from the joints of the stalk as high as ten feet up the stalk. —Doniphan Prospect News.

The Farmers Union meeting at Bernie Saturday was an immense gathering, the crowd being estimated at six thousand people. The program abounded in splendor, floats of various descriptions being in evidence. The address of welcome was made by Mayor Higgenbotham. The Meakin sisters, residents of Bernie, in living statuary poses, is said to have been a big feature, but many things of interest too numerous to mention took place to the delight of the big crowd.

SURPRISINGLY GREAT.

All Records Will Be Broken by the Missouri State Fair.

The people of Missouri will have thousands of reasons to feel proud of this year's Missouri State Fair. The 1910 State Fair, as all visitors to it will cheerfully testify, was a grand exposition of the State's great products, but the fair this year will eclipse it in every department.

On account of the visit of President Taft to the fair on the opening day, September 30, a supreme effort has been made by the Board of Directors of the Fair, to have the Fair ready.

The Live Stock Show will furnish a surprise to the visitors. It has been heralded as the "Million Dollar Live Stock Show." It will be better than that. Entries of the choicest herds in the United States and Canada continue to pour into the Secretary's office, and the finest horses, cattle, swine, sheep and poultry ever assembled for exhibition at a State Fair will be seen at the 1911 Missouri State Fair, September 30-October 6.

The Agricultural and Horticultural displays will astonish and delight the visitors of the Fair and everyone will feel proud of the products of Missouri fields, orchards and vineyards. Exhibitors have been actively engaged for the past several months in all classes.

Every day will be a big day at the fair. Commencing with "President Taft Day" to the close of the exhibition there will not be a dull moment. There will be a large field in each of the harness and running races. Continuous vaudeville shows in front of the grand stand, Pain's "Pioneer Days" and fireworks at night; the night horse shows; airship races and flights by Curtiss biplanes with the renowned airman, Hugh A. Robinson, in spirals, glides and rolls; quadruple parachute leaps by Johnny Mack, of New York City, from a monster balloon 4,000 feet in the air; the light horse shows; the parade of heavy horses and prize cattle; the concerts by Hiner's Municipal band of Kansas City; the automobile show under the grand stand are some of the many meritorious features which will delight the visitors of this year's State Fair.

The men and women who visit the Missouri State Fair this year for the purpose of gaining useful and profitable information will find the following places of study to occupy their whole time, be it one day, two days or a week.

A Million Dollar Stock Show, comprising horses, mules, sheep, cattle and swine.

Agricultural College forum, where all of the live farm topics of the hour will be discussed by experienced agriculturists.

Exhibition of farm machines and their products.

The big automobile show in which 1912 models of all leading cars will be exhibited.

The mammoth poultry show, exhibiting the perfect strains of all the leading breeds.

The grand agricultural and horticultural display, the largest ever brought to a State Fair.

The county court has donated \$15 to the county corn contest to be held at Campbell the last of the month, and it could not have made a more sensible donation. Since the boys commenced trying to raise good corn their elders have been stirred up along the same line. —Dunklin Democrat.

Birthday Party.

A surprise party much enjoyed by the participants was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hohler, Sunday night. The young people were friends of Henry Hohler and this occasion was brought about through the efforts to give him a surprise, Henry having passed seventeen years of his life among his friends of this young social circle. The party was full of merry glee and an all 'round good time was had. Light refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses, Mary Brindley, Nora Steck, Gladys and Ellamay Walsh, Anthonette Fueth, Rosa Roelker, Lillian Smith, Anna and Helen Hohler. Messrs: Ben and Gustav Walther, Oscar Bock, Ed Vandeven, Clem Roelker, Henry Hohler.

Correspondents Wanted.

The Herald wants some good live correspondents at the different towns and districts around Cape Girardeau, for which we have a good proposition to offer. We are making special efforts to give our readers a live newspaper and are receiving daily congratulations in the way The Herald handles the facts, which praise must be given our correspondents and those who otherwise aid us in producing a readable paper. If we can land a few more correspondents like those we already have the readers of "The People's Paper" can depend on getting the happenings of news value as they really occurred. Some papers of the "buncomb" variety suffer their readers to be misled, preferring to hand out a lot of rot and common gush, which has no earthly significance.

Levee Improvement.

The work on improvement of the levee along Aquamasi street is progressing rapidly under the management of Durnell & Hawley, the contractors, and when completed will add greatly to the appearance as well as the commercial interests of the city. The Frisco railroad let the contract, which is in the main responsible for the business-like way in which the work is being pushed. After the necessary fillings are made a new depot will be erected and a general reconstruction of the facilities for handling the traffic of the road will be inaugurated, a long-needed improvement for Cape Girardeau. The city has long outgrown the old accommodations and the new methods are of special interest to the future growth and prosperity of the city. There is also talk of another road entering here and a union depot may result from the steps already taken by the progressive Frisco road.

Bugs on the Clock.

Last Monday morning the attention of the people was attracted by what appeared to be a swarm of bees on the south face of the court house clock and on the cornice at the top of the dome. Many conjectures were made as to where they came from and what they would do. It was finally ascertained that the insects were not bees, but a kind of candle fly or moth. They had evidently been attracted by the arc light on the dome and had drifted against the face of the clock and remained. —Bloomfield Vindicator.

Missouri produced more apples this year than any other state west of the Mississippi river. There are now about 20,000,000 apple trees in the state.

General News Items.

The Mississippi River annually carries to the sea 136,400,000 tons of dissolved matter and 340,500,000 tons of suspended matter.

W. E. Davenport, a fireman on the Frisco, was severely injured Monday while on his run between Memphis and Chaffee. The accident occurred at Wilson while the engine was taking water, the chain that releases the water valve breaking and causing Mr. Davenport to fall violently to the ground.

Mr. W. C. Miller, the well-known Millerville postmaster and merchant, was married Sunday, the 17th, to Miss Marie Rieman, one of Millerville's popular society belles, at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in St. Louis, where Mr. Miller and bride also attended the Postmasters' Convention.

Delegates from 619 blue lodges of Missouri, representing 55,000 Master Masons of the state, were present Tuesday, the 26th, at a meeting of the Grand lodge in St. Louis Scottish Rite Cathedral headed by Clay C. Bigger, grand master for the state. Alex. A. Sharp, grand master for the state of Kansas, delivered an address before the body.

Joseph Hunter, one of Southeast Missouri's most noted characters, died Wednesday, the 13th, and the remains were interred Saturday in the cemetery at Sikeston. Judge Hunter had reached the age of 86 years of usefulness; was a man of many sterling qualities, having a record as a loyal soldier and efficient judge and counted his friends by the score.

The scattered Missouri regiments of Blues and Grays were in session three days this week, 26-27-28, and took part in the exercises held by the Pilot Knob Memorial Association, and the meeting was held near the Pilot Knob battlefield in the shadow of Shepherd Mountain, where these men who fought on opposition sides went over the many battle scenes and instances which took place during the Civil war.

Owing to the fact that we have had so many calls for surplus copies of The Herald we have decided to send out sample copies to give the people who are not already subscribers an opportunity to see how well The Herald covers the local news field. If you receive a copy of the paper look it over carefully, and if you are impressed with our method of printing a newspaper come in and have us send the paper to you regularly.

Governor Hadley has been urged to call an extra session of the Legislature in order to enact legislation which Senator Lane says needs immediate attention. The matters to be considered are a workman's compensation act, commission form of government, revision of the municipal code and a revision of appellate practice. The Senator has presented a lengthy letter calling attention to the important features of his proposed measures, and according to a press dispatch is very enthusiastic in his demands for a called session of the Legislature.

The home of Joe Merritt at Morley was destroyed by fire Sunday at midnight, originating from a spark blown from a Frisco railroad engine. Heroic efforts were made to extinguish the flames but owing to the dryness of the roof the whole dwelling went up in flames. No insurance is reported.

Dunklin county is aroused over the announcement by government land officials at Springfield, that 800 acres of farm land near Senath is still held by the United States despite the fact that it has been cultivated by Dunklin county farmers for twenty five years.

Petitions are being circulated and other efforts are being made to buy a string of blood hounds for St. Francis county. The Lead Belt News is instigator of the idea, and as they are leaving no stones unturned to carry the move through, the bloodhounds will likely soon be forthcoming. It seems that the county court should need no leaders in any move to advance the moral welfare of the county and they should have taken the initiative in the matter. There is no doubt that blood hounds are a great aid in running down criminals. According to the News, much devilry has been perpetrated in that section of late which needs attention and the use of dogs seems to be the only available method to suppress it.

Much uneasiness is felt throughout the cotton-growing sections of Southeast Missouri as to the existence of bowl weevil which is thought to have been found. This pest has caused cotton growers of the south more trouble than any one other destroyer of cotton plants and as a result cotton as a general crop has been supplanted by other crops to a great extent; in fact acres of land in the southern states that originally produced an abundance of this staple is no longer used for cotton growing, and as the hopes of farmers further north were set toward supplying the deficiency—believing the pest would never reach them—we looked for more cotton in this part of the country than has been grown in many years. However, if the bowl weevil scavenger materializes many people will suffer the loss of good time and money as a result.

Read the thrilling serial story on the inside page of The Herald—"The Bronze Bell"—from the pen of Louis Joseph Vance, one of the leading fiction writers of the day. This story abounds in human interest and carries with it that splendid appeal to human sympathy that characterizes the work of the author. The stories that appear weekly in The Herald are featured in many of the popular magazines and if bought at news stands will cost you from 10c to 15c each, while as one of our features you get them along with the home news at almost nothing. The Western Newspaper Union, which has branch offices in all the leading cities of Europe and America, syndicate these fine pieces of story-writing and owing to their immense patronage from the publishers of the country are in position to put these stories in your hands. Many story-writers of note contribute to our pages and those who overlook these splendid features will miss a rare treat in literary construction.